

## **Heart Morass water charges**

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SOUTHERN Rural Water has laid charges regarding water being illegally diverted from the Latrobe River to the Heart Morass by members of the Sale Field and Game Association.

SRW groundwater and rivers manager Craig Parker said SRW had charged one person with taking and using water without authority and interfering with the flow in a waterway.

The case will be heard at the Sale Magistrates Court on June 23.

The charges follow an extensive investigation into the incident by SRW after Sale Field and Game Association was accused of diverting water to the Morass for five days in March.

At the time association spokesman Gary Howard said it was an attempt to prevent the wetland from becoming acidic.

Mr Howard said the diversion was in the interest of protecting and maintaining the health of the Heart Morass.